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SUBJECT: SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS - PORT LOUIS

REF: PORT LOUIS 242

PRETORIA FOR RSO

1. BUREAU (AF/EX) WILL INCREASE FY-75 ALLOTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,150 FOR SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS CITED IN REFTEL. POST SHOULD SUBMIT SOONEST SAS INCREASE/DECREASE REQUEST.

2. THE COST OF PROJECTED FLAT ARMORED TRANSPARENCIES (BULLET-RESISTANT GLASS) FOR WINDOWS IN THE AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE WOULD BE \$27,500 (INCLUDES PACKING AND FREIGHT CHARGES). THIS WOULD PROVIDE SOME PROTECTION AGAINST RIFLE FIRE FROM POINTS OF VULNERABILITY (ROOF-TOP RESTAURANT, NEARBY OFFICE WINDOWS AND HARBOR), HOWEVER, NOT FROM CONCENTRATED MACHINE GUN FIRE.

3. BEFORE GIVING FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THIS REQUEST,
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WHICH WOULD REQUIRE MAJOR EXPENDITURE, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES

FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES SHOULD BE FULLY EXPLORED:

A. THE INSTALLATION OF TINTED MYLAR ON THE WINDOWS. THIS WOULD PRECLUDE OBSERVATION OF THE INTERIOR OF THE OFFICE AND PREVENT SPALL AND SHATTERING OF THE GLASS. COST WOULD BE MINIMAL.

B. THE CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE LOUVERS, AT A 45 DEGREE ANGLE, EITHER HORIZONTAL OR VERTICAL, OUTSIDE THE WINDOWS TO INTERDICT DIRECT TRAJECTORY OF A PROJECTILE FIRED INTO THE OFFICE. THIS WOULD ALSO PRECLUDE OBSERVATION OF THE INTERIOR OF THE OFFICE, WHILE ALLOWING NATURAL LIGHT TO ENTER AND WOULD NOT OBSTRUCT THE VIEW.

C. THE INSTALLATION OF STEEL VENETIAN-TYPE BLINDS ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE WINDOWS. THIS WOULD PRECLUDE VIEW OF THE INTERIOR OF THE OFFICE AND INTERDICT THE TRAJECTORY OF A BULLET FIRED INTO THE OFFICE. NATURAL LIGHT LEVEL AND VIEW WOULD NOT BE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPAIRED.

4. POST AND RSO COMMENT REQUESTED. KISSINGER

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